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SUBJECT: CHANGES AMONG STAFF OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU

POUCHED: BORDEAUX, LYON, MARSEILLE, MARTINIQUE, NICE,
AND STRASBOURG

1. FOLLOWING CHANGES ANNOUNCED MAY 9 AMONG SENIOR STAFF IN ELYSEE. JEAN- RENE BERNARD NAMED DEPUTY SECGEN OF PRESIDENCY REPLACING EDOUARD BALLADUR, WHO ALREADY NAMED SECGEN AFTER MICHEL JOBERT' S NOMINATION AS FOREIGN MINISTER (PARIS 9914) . MADAME ANNE- MARIE DUPUY, WHO HAD BEEN CHEF DE CABINET OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, NAMED DIRECTEUR DU CABINET OF THE PRESIDENT (SAME POST WITH HIGHER- RANKING TITLE). XAVIER MARCHETTI OF LEYSEE STAFF REPLACES DENIS BAUDOUIN AS ELYSEE SPOKESMAN. BAUDOUIN BECOMES HEAD OF SOFIRAD, FRENCH GOVERNMENT HOLDING COMPANY WITH SUBSTANTIAL SHARE- HOLDINGS IN " PRIVATE" RADIO STATIONS SUCH AS EUROPE NO. 1 AND RADIO MONTE CARLO.

2. MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IS ELEVATION OF BERNARD TO DEPUTY SECGEN. BERNARD HAS SERVED SINCE 1969 ON THE ELYSEE STAFF AND HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY QUESTIONS AS WELL AS FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY MATTERS.
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BERNARD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN POMPIDOU' S CABINET WHEN LATTER WAS PRIME MINISTER FROM 1962 TO 1968. LIKE BALLADUR AND JOBERT, BERNARD IS VERY MUCH ONE OF POMPIDOU' S MEN AND HIS APPOINTMENT WILL NOT MEAN CHANGES IN POLICY. ALTHOUGH BAUDOUIN HAD RECENTLY DENIED TO POL COUNS RUMORS THAT HE WOULD BE NAMED HEAD OF SOFIRAD, HIS APPOINTMENT IN FACT COMES AS NO SURPRISE. HE HAS BEEN POMPIDOU' S PRESS SPOKESMAN SINCE OCTOBER 1970.

3. BIO REPORTS ON PEOPLE MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. DECONTROL 1 2/31/74.
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